





## SUPER SHOE XXXIV 🏁🏁 EVENT RECAP (SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2021)

Super Shoe XXXIV at Kalamazoo Speedway is but a memory (and, let's face it, a bit of a mess!) No rain fell when cars should be on the track and although it got a bit nippy on Saturday night before the final features ran, Sunday bloomed sunny and warm for the final races of the 2021 race season. Count them, 225 cars were qualified and divided into 30 heats and features on Saturday and 8 features on Sunday. Dang!



Ben Wilcox (left) qualified (14.777) at the top of the 129 **Front Wheel Drive** cars packing the pits.

Jesse Hard III won the first heat of the night followed by the remaining 12 heats won by: Ryan Hufford, Matt Elsey, Scott Elsey, Dale McGhan, Wendell Scott, Collin Whitfield, Drew Hosner, Duane Green, Thomas Smith, Bob Brown, Corey Holtzlander, and Outlaw FWD Season Champion Dave Leonard Jr.



Clockwise: Jesse Hard III, Ryan Hufford, Scott Elsey and Matt Elsey.

On the next page, also clockwise: Dale McGhan, Wendell Scott, Drew Hosner (with dad, fellow racer, Ira Hosner), Tom Smith, Corey Holtzlander, Bob Brown, Duane Green and Collin Whitfield.





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Dave Leonard Jr. won the final FWD heat race on Saturday night (left).

BreAnna Keene led off the features with her win in the dual 20-lap 'E' features; Rich Hardy took the flag in the other 'E' Feature. The top 4 drivers in each feature advanced to the next level. Also advancing from the "E" features were Jake Hopwood, Ryan Hufford, John Rupe, Shawn Smith, Chet Losey and Dennis Mudd. A pair of 20-lap 'D' features followed with Jarrett Buchino and Scott Elsey winning those. Also advancing were David Smith, Keegan Letts, Cody Roberts, Andrew Weage, Tony Vitali and

Doug Adams. In the 20-lap 'C' features it was Jared Blanchard and Dexter Marciniak. Also advancing were Wendell Scott, Michael Rose, Rielly Meade, Scott Brooks, Brandon French and Kyle Shannon. The 20-lap B features ran on Sunday with Yogi Metz Sr. taking one of the features and Corey Holtzlander taking the other. Joining Metz Sr. and Holtzlander in advancing to the main event were Luke Barnett Sr., Dennis Holtzlander III, Ryan Drumhiller, Andrew Peters, Duane Green and Jerry Manns.



Clockwise: BreAnna Keene, Rich Hardy, Scott Elsey and Jarrett Buchino.





**Clockwise: Jared Blanchard, Dexter Marciniak, Corey Holtzlander and Yogi Metz Sr.**

When the 22-car field took the green for the 25-lap FWD Nationals feature, Nick Failing took an early and substantial lead deep into the race before Ben Wilcox and Dave Leonard Jr. got around him. Leonard Jr. challenged Wilcox but Wilcox claimed a convincing victory. Following Wilcox (left) over the line were Leonard Jr., Failing, Dale Leonard and Drew Losey rounding out the top five. Gavin McGuffey, Carl Prince, Yogi Metz Sr., Corey Holtzlander and Will Slaughter rounded out the top 10.

In the **Rear Wheel Drives**, 96 drivers qualified. Zack Cook (left) took fast time with a lap speed of 12.634 seconds. The 9 heat winners were Timothy Burns, Jesse Van Avery Jr., Mike Long, Adam Van Avery, Lonnie York, Greg Studt, Nick Emmans, Bobby Schisler and Zack Cook.

**Clockwise (next page): Timothy Burns, Jesse Van Avery Jr., Adam Van Avery, Greg Studt, Bobby Schisler, Nick Emmans, Lonnie York and Mike Long.**





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The 20-lap 'D', like its FWD counterparts, sent the top 4 in each feature on to the next level. Jeremy Campbell and Michael Richardson won their respective 'D' features. Tod Behlke, Charles Vogts, Chris Breneman, Chuck Caudill, Timothy Burns and Brian Town all advancing to the 'C' features that started out Super Shoe Sunday. Nick Marcott and Brock Ganus won the 25-lap 'C' features. Also advancing were Cameron Schlaback, Tom Sprague Jr., Ryan Westfall, Bug Schisler, Eric Kiser and Adam Van Avery. The 35-lap 'B' features were won by Billy Yates and A.J. Foote with Curtis Towne, Josh Trammel, Tony Chapman, Colin Bozell, Nick Emmans and Bobby Schisler advancing to the main event. (Photo labels follow on the next page)



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Previous page photos (clockwise): RWD heat winner Zack Cook, Michael Richardson (with family), Brock Ganus, A.J. Foote (with Katie Foote), Billy Yates, Nick Marcott and Jeremy Campbell.



The 50-lap Super Shoe Nationals field was set at 22 and Ryan Stutz led close to the first 20 laps. Following a caution, Jeff Ganus (starting 12<sup>th</sup>) made his move around both Andrew Brest and Stutz for the lead. Zack Cook (starting 14<sup>th</sup>) made his own moves and while he got a nose up on Ganus at one point, Ganus was able to open enough daylight that Cook couldn't catch him. Jeff Ganus adds a second Super Shoe Nationals' title to his prestigious resume. Cook finished second followed by Andrew Brest, Nick Pressler and TK Whitman rounding out the top five. The second half of the order started with Adam Terry followed by Corey Ryman, Cole Allers, Ryan Stutz and Tony Chapman.

Below clockwise: Saying good morning in the campgrounds (top two), a t-shirt that made us smile and last, but not least, Buster Martin (long-time assistant flagman and this year, working the top pits) takes a turn around the track to say his farewells as he retires after a career of 48 years working at various tracks. We will miss you Buster (and wife, Jan). Thank you.



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